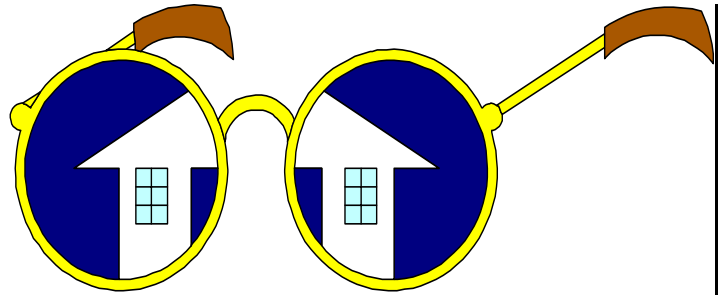


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Terri's Tidbits

DECEMBER CAPTAIN'S MEETING

I would like to thank all of the Neighborhood Watch Captains who attended the December 5th Open House and Food Drive. I delivered 5 huge boxes of food to the Salvation Army on Dec. 6th due to the captains' charity. I understand some of the captains used this opportunity to have their Neighborhood Watch event and had their own food drive earlier, then brought their donations for us to deliver. Which ever the case, the Salvation Army representative wanted to me to express their gratitude. It was a very active year for them and they were very excited to get our gift. Thank you again from the Superstition staff.



GARAGE SALES OR FOOD DRIVES

If you take the time to read the newsletter on page three (3) you will find an article on Food Drives and Garage Sales as your Neighborhood Watch activity. We have had some questions on the procedure and, hopefully, the article will show you how those two events can fit into your Neighborhood Watch program. Remember that the goal for any Neighborhood Watch event is to get the participants in one location



For any length of time so that they get to know each other. If they never have to leave their home or if the Neighborhood Watch captain is the only one they see, then they will never get to know their fellow neighbors. REMBEMER- One of the best crime prevention tools is being (and knowing) a good neighbor!

FREE FREE FREE FREE

Interested in a **FREE** "anti-theft device" for your vehicle?



We have received a grant from the Arizona Automobile Theft Authority. That grant provides us the opportunity to offer a FREE steering wheel lock to residents of Mesa who register their vehicle with the "Watch Your Car" program. So, how can you take advantage of this FREE offer? Lets look at the criteria:

1. Any City of Mesa resident with a currently registered vehicle showing their Mesa address.
2. Winter visitors who have a vehicle currently registered in Arizona.
3. "Watch Your Car" program participants who are residents of Mesa and have a vehicle currently registered with their Mesa address.

If you fall into anyone of the above listed categories you are eligible for a FREE steering wheel

lock. You may pick up your FREE steering wheel lock by bringing your completed application (or pick up one on site), your current vehicle registration and your drivers license to our new office at 225 E. 1st St., Suite 207. Our office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 5:00 pm. If you are already a participant of the "Watch Your Car" program, bring your vehicle (with its sticker on the window), your current vehicle registration and your driver's license to our office. We will give you your FREE steering wheel lock after determining you meet the criteria. If you have any questions on how you may qualify for the FREE steering wheel lock, please call me at (480) 644-3692, Holly Hosac at (480) 644-2033, Denise Traves at (480) 644-2620 or Karen at (480) 644-2300, #5.

Important Telephone Numbers



Terri Teten 644-3692
Superstition Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

Emergency or Crime in Progress....
911

Community Relations Unit....644-2300
Community Relations FAX.....644-2800
Police Non-Emergency.....644-2211
Silent Witness.....1-800-343-TIPS
Narcotics Hotline(602)644-5081
Graffiti Hotline.....644-3083
Gang Hotline.....644-4264
Fraud Alert Hotline.....644-2345



This is the column that has been reserved for the Superstition District Commander to pass on information pertaining to events that are happening or information that would be of benefit to you and your neighbors. Commander Sandy Driscoll has been very active in our Neighborhood Watch and she was the leading force behind most of our district projects.

As you know, the Mesa Police Department started the year 2003 with a new Chief of Police, Dennis Donna. Some of you may remember him from a Captains' meeting at Sunland Village East, last spring. As a result of his appointment, changes were made in all of the administrative staffs in the patrol districts. Effective January 20th, Commander Driscoll was reassigned to the Dobson Patrol District. We wish her well in her new home.



Cmdr. Dan Saban

The new Superstition Patrol District Commander is Dan Saban. Commander Saban has been with the Mesa Police Department for 27 years. He started as a patrol officer and worked his way up the ranks to his current position as a Commander. He brings with him a myriad of experience in the department having been assigned to such units as Motors, Patrol, S.W.A.T., Special Investigations and Internal Affairs. One of his projects included implementing the very first holiday multi-agency East Valley DUI Task Force, which is still in existence and continues to expand every year.

Commander Saban understands the value of working with the community. He has actively participated in many community service projects such as March of Dimes, Boys and Girls Club and the Elderhostal program for retired persons. Every year his Kops and Kowboys for Kids holds a charitable Team Roping Event at the Gilbert Rodeo grounds to benefit the Child Crisis Center-East Valley.

Commander Saban is married, has 5 daughters and 3 grandchildren. A native Arizonan, he and his wife live on a horse property. He says he is "a total cowboy" and competes in Team Roping events almost every weekend somewhere in Arizona.

Welcome, Commander Saban !

WE NEED YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESSES!!!!

Technology has finally made it easier for us to help you obtain information if you have access to the internet. Some of you may know that you can order all of our brochures, make copies of the attendance sheets, phone trees and solicitation letters off of the web. Now we are going to publish our newsletters over the web and, where possible, send them over e-mail rather than through the postal system.

You will be able to access the newsletter whether you are in Mesa or at your summer home. No one will miss their newsletters by being out of town. You will be able to make copies of the newsletter to distribute to your neighbors at your meetings.

To help accomplish this we need to have the e-mail address for each captain, co-captain and assistant captain, or if this is not possible, a designated contact person. Please contact Terri at 644-3692 or Karen at 644-2300 or e-mail me at terri.teten@cityofmesa.org.

NEIGHBORHOOD IN THE SPOTLIGHT

This month we would like to spotlight another neighborhood whose residents have made a difference.

Neighborhood Watch captains Robert Fagan, Steve Stolpe and Duane Mills began their Neighborhood Watch in 2001 for 100 S. 38th and 100 S. 39th Streets. Their common interest at the time was the increase in traffic and speeding down 38th St. throughout the night hours. Over time they began documenting various activities and were put in contact with the C.A.T. Officers for their area. They also were giving their information to the Narcotic Hotline. It was a very stressful and frustrating time for all of the residents while they waited to see what the police could do. As many of the police activities were covert, the residents were justifiably worried nothing was happening. However, that was not the case.

In January, after months of undercover operations, and tracking over 515 people in and out of the neighborhood, the police arrested 11 people on various charges including drug charges and possession of stolen property. The over 100 items of evidence had a value of about \$25,000.

Congratulations !

PLANNING A NEIGHBORHOOD FOOD DRIVE OR GARAGE SALE AS YOUR NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENT???

GOAL: Getting Neighbors out to meet each other !

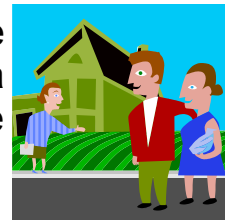
FOOD DRIVE



1. Select one centralized location as the drop off point where the participants can sign the attendance sheet.
2. Have a shortened time frame that will allow the participants bringing their donated items to meet the majority of their neighbors at the drop off point.

GARAGE SALE

1. During either the planning stage or at the end of the garage sale there needs to be one centralized location and a time that the participants can get together to visit and sign the attendance sheet.



► The goal for the food drive or the garage sale event is to have as many neighbors meet each other as possible while participating in the Neighborhood Watch event. This can only be done if they are in the same location at the same time.

***These events are good ways to have events when no one seems to have time for other get-togethers, but don't forget to plan something for the children, too!

DON'T FORGET !!

Remember after you have had your Neighborhood Watch event, you must turn in your attendance sheet to the office as soon as possible to get credit for it as one of your two events for the year. Please **DO NOT** wait until you have your second event to send in all of the paperwork for the year. We track your events for the entire year on a monthly basis.

Please help us curb our escalating costs for postage by not waiting until we send out the inactive notices to remember you still have your documentation for events for the year.

Call Terri at 480-644-3692 or Karen at 480-644-2300 #5 if you want to make sure we have your documentation or if you need attendance sheets and postage paid envelopes.



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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 1 — 10AM — SATURDAY

MESA DAY MINIATURE PARADE
Downtown Mesa

MARCH 4 — 6:30PM-8:30PM — TUESDAY

**SUPERSTITION DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOOD
WATCH CAPTAINS' MEETING**

Red Mountain Multi-Generational Center
7550 E. Adobe (East of Power on Adobe)

RSVP— Terri 644-3692 or Karen 644-2300, #5

APRIL 23 — 6PM-7PM — WEDNESDAY

BE ALERT CHILDREN'S PROGRAM
Jefferson Gym and Recreation Center
120 S. Jefferson

RSVP— Jerry Quarles 644-2539